SCLCrRLJ 4.5.1 TRIAL READINESS HEARING

- (a) All cases shall be set for a trial readiness hearing at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled trial week. Defendant, defense attorney, and the prosecuting attorney are required to attend the trial readiness hearing. If the defendant fails to appear, a warrant for the arrest of the defendant may be issued. If the prosecuting attorney or the defense attorney fails to appear for the trial readiness hearing without a prior showing of good cause, the court may impose terms.
- (b) Any additional amendments to the charge(s), negotiated pleas, alternate dispositions, continuances, etc. shall be made at the trial readiness hearing.
 - (c) At the trial readiness hearing, the court shall set the actual trial date.
- (d) After the trial readiness hearing and setting of the trial date, no negotiated pleas or alternative dispositions will be entered without a showing of good cause. Without a showing of good cause the matter will proceed to trial as charged, or the defendant may enter a plea to the crime as charged, or the case dismissed by the prosecuting attorney.